

Nothing common in this ordinary entry for parade

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When David Wood is perched and pedaling on his awkward looking two-wheeler, he looks as if he's ridden in from another century.

His plaid knickers, pink-striped shirt and bow tie add to the illusion he hopes to create Tuesday when he commemorates his grandfather's famous ride of a century ago.

Wood's grandfather, William, won a Pioneer Day bicycle race in Salt Lake City on July 24, 1884. In memory of his grandfather's race, Wood will ride a replica of the old-fashioned bicycle, called an ordinary, in the Days of '47 parade. For the parade, he plans to add a neatly waxed handlebar mustache to his costume.

Although Wood, 54, had climbed atop his grandfather's bicycle a time or two, he has never ridden the ordinary for a long stretch. Tuesday's three-mile-long ride will be his first major outing.

"I'm not really nervous. I'm just excited," the Long Beach, Calif., plastic surgeon said.

His enthusiasm for the ride was evident Saturday as he urged friends to take snapshots of him atop the bicycle and as he snapped his own photographs of friends on the bicycle.

Despite his inexperience on the ordinary, Wood may be considered something of a bicycling expert. When he was 14, he taught himself to ride his conventional two-wheeler backwards by sitting on the handlebars.

Wood's grandfather, a Salt Lake butcher, rode his bicycle to deliver meat. In 1884, the 21-year-old Wood brought home a silver loving cup, something his grandson still treasures, when he won the Pioneer Day race.

Wood does not know much about his grandfather's race, except that he won the event three years in a row.

In addition to racing on the bicycle, Wood's grandfather also tackled tests of endurance. He and nine companions rode their bicycles to Yellowstone, more than 300 miles over the rough roads of a century ago, and were called iron men when they returned after their odyssey, Wood said.

Wood's \$700 bicycle, on loan from Guthrie Bicycle shop, is nearly identical to its 100-year-old predecessor. However, the original bicycle had a leather strap suspended by two springs that served as the seat. The modern version has a more conventional seat that Wood has covered with sheepskin to cushion the ride.

The original bicycle has been donated.

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David Wood will recreate grandfather's ride in proper knickers and cap.



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Leaping equestrians

Robin Sundeen takes a low fence on her horse, Slim, during the Low Fence Working Hunter division of the 11th annual Utah Hunter and Jump Association horse show. Seventy beginning and professional riders are competing in the event held in the Utah State Fairgrounds arena through Sunday. Trophies and

cash prizes up to \$200 are given to the winner in each of the classes, with ribbons presented to those who place in the top six. Competing horses were divided into jumpers and hunters. In the early rounds, jumpers were judged on their ability to clear the fences without touching them.

do little to help merchants' image

OGDEN (UPI) — A contest to bolster the image of Ogden merchants has left them red-faced because winners of a writing contest about the city were unable to claim their prizes from local stores.

The winners of the contest, called "Ogden Now," were awarded "Ogden Now" bucks to be spent only at Weber County businesses.

Many merchants, however, were not told the arrangement by The Ogden Now Coalition, a group of local merchants and civic leaders formed to improve the city's image and attract shoppers away from Salt Lake City.

So when contest winners tried to spend their money beginning Wednesday afternoon, they found most of the merchants had never heard of "Ogden Now" bucks. The stores were not about to give up good merchandise for the funny money.

The Ogden-area Chamber of Commerce, which was supposed to redeem the \$2,750 Ogden Now bucks for real cash, was swamped with phone calls.

Steve Lawson, chamber president and Ogden Now Coalition member, said the group tried to inform local merchants about the image-building campaign, but many apparently did not get the word.

"No matter what we would have done, I don't think we could have notified everyone," he said.

"But anyone who would take the time to call the chamber office could verify that we'll redeem the bucks dollar for dollar."

Citizens warned to be wary of mail offers for free vacation

LOGAN (AP) — Cache County Sheriff Doug Bodrero has warned local citizens to be wary of mail offers for free vacations.

Bodrero said the offers had been coming on postcards from a company called U.S. Travel, listing a Scottsdale, Ariz., address. He said the message tells people they have been chosen to receive a three-day, two-night vacation at the Disney World Resort Center in Florida.

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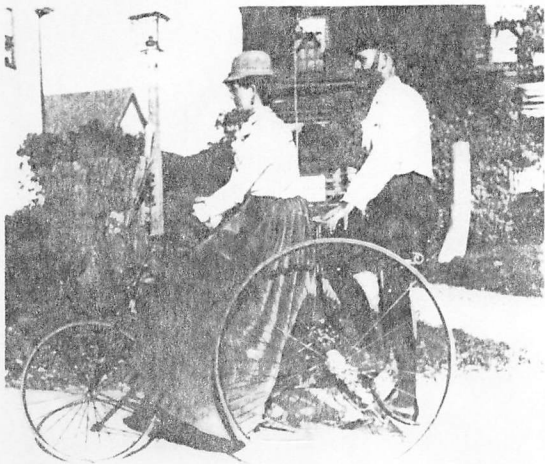
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Cycling was a popular form of recreation for city people during the 1890's. A bicycle or a two-passenger tricycle, above, required hard-surfaced roads not found in rural areas.